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Interview Summary

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All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) Russ Guill.

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(2) Steve Funk.

(4) _____.

Date of Interview: 05 June 2007.

Type: a) ☒ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference
c) ☐ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☐ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No.
If Yes, brief description: _____.

Claim(s) discussed: 17-25.

Identification of prior art discussed: Chen.

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☐ was not reached. h) ☒ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: See Continuation Sheet.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

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Russ Guill
Examiner's signature, if required

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The Examiner would like to thank the Applicant for calling for an interview because an interview often is useful to expedite the examination process.

The Examiner remarked that he has no negotiation authority.

Regarding claim 17 rejection under 35 USC 101: Applicant remarked that the claims appear to contain storage means which would provide tangibility. The Examiner replies that because of paragraph 80, the storage means allows an interpretation of software. The Examiner remarks that the preamble is directed to a manager, and it is not clear whether the manager is a system or software.

The Examiner agrees that claims all appear to be concrete and useful.

Regarding claim 17 rejection under 35 USC 103: The Examiner remarks that Chen discloses in figure 2, element 208 an SOC design which appears to be custom designing information, and figure 2 also appears to disclose multiple designers. Further, in paragraph 45 of the specification, the custom design information may be made invisible, or alternatively, persons other than authorized users may access just a portion of the custom library design.